

REMARKS

Overview

In the Office Action under reply, claims 1-3, 6-25, and 28-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The Action asserts that the term "sulfonic acid" in the claims is new matter and is unsupported by the original specification. Without conceding the validity of this assertion, but for the sole purpose of speeding prosecution of the current application, applicants have amended claims 1 and 19 to remove "sulfonic acid." Claims 3 and 24 are canceled in light of the amendment to claims 1 and 19. With these amendments, applicants request withdrawal of the rejection, and allowance of the pending claims.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that the claims of the application are in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections, and prompt issuance of a notice of allowance. If the Examiner has any questions concerning this communication, or would like to discuss the application, the art, or other pertinent matters, a telephone call to the undersigned would be welcomed.

Respectfully submitted,

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